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Sir:

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The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits and within three months of the mailing date of the International Search Report. This

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Any document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding PCT International application. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner is attached. An English-language counterpart of foreign-language document C4 has not been provided; however, an English-language abstract has been provided. Documents cited in the Search Report, but not listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, have already been made of record in the application.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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